



## Guadalupe Cantu Rodriguez

December 12, 1929 - May 1, 2009

Grandma Lupe, that's what we all called her. She was the blue-eyed "güera" that will live forever in our memories. The song "Solamente Una Vez se entrega el alma" is so fitting of her life. She gave her heart once to the man of her dreams, Grandpa Robert. He came into her life when she was 17 and literally on a dance floor as he asked her to dance. He only had eyes for her that night. She said that it wasn't love at first sight for her but "boy could he dance!" As she put it, "We could have danced all night". He soon left to Japan and the letters came 3 times a week. Upon his return shortly after they were married in a vacant house with their friend Arturo as their witness. Ten years later they were married at San Fernando Cathedral. From their wedding on they danced their life together. Stardust became their song even winning a dancing contest to it.

In addition to Grandpa Robert were the other 5 loves of her life, her boys. She was a momma bear to her boys. First came Bobby, then a short eleven months later came Caesar. Then there was George, Jaime, and Ronnie. With Ronnie she asked, "Where is my girl?" Well there wasn't ever a baby girl but she had her boys. Regardless the celebration a picture had to be taken of Grandma and her boys. Grandpa Robert and Grandma Lupe had weekly gatherings with their compadres. Compadre Arturo and Comadre Lulu were their constant companions. As the adults played cards on bunco, the children would be running around having a great time. Pan de Dulce was always the dessert. Buncos, parties and dances were their social gatherings.

Then in November of 1995 the music stopped for Grandma. Grandpa Robert had succumb to cancer. We thought she would never survive this heart break. Her heart was literally broken and she began to have heart problems. There were many days when she would look at Grandpa Robert's picture and ask him to take her with him. Her life was not done with us yet. There were more grandchildren to meet and be there for. With the grandchildren came more memories. She welcomed 13 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. We made new memories of Sunday dinners, card games, and buncos with her bunco clubs. The card games and the bunco playing were the best. Every holiday the family would get a card game together and Grandma would get so frustrated at the boys cheating or changing the game rules. Now it was the grand children running around having fun. Then there was our yearly tamale making event. We laughed, we cried, we talked and maybe we drank a little to ease our back pain when making tamales. Those were the best tamales you ever tasted made with love and Wild Turkey. Oh we can't forget her hobby, her plants. Being outside with her flowers and plants brought joy to her. As long as everything was blooming she was happy.

Now we have to say goodbye to you, Grandma Lupe. What a life you lived. You loved with all your heart and you are loved as well. You are the root that kept us all together. Now that you are gone your memory will serve as our family root. Our hearts are saddened to not have you amongst us but at the same time gladdened that once again you are with your first love of your life, Grandpa Robert. We can see him with his black shirt, white coat and white tie with his arms stretched out to you. And there you are, his blue-eyed Güera beaming with happiness. As you take his hands and he takes yours, he brings you forward. With the music in your hearts you begin to dance your everlasting life together to Stardust.

We, the children of Guadalupe Rodriguez,  
Robert & Leticia Rodriguez  
Caesar & Beatrice Rodriguez

George & Jill Rodriguez

Jamie & Yvette Rodriguez

Ronnie & Michelle Rodriguez

And the grandchildren and great grandchildren would like to thank all of Grandma's friends throughout the years. Especially Compadre Arturo and Comadre Lulu and Blanca. Your constant help and friendship helped Grandma live many good years. Thank you for the love and care you bestowed on our beloved mother. We thank all her other friends and neighbors who enriched her life with many memories.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Tuesday-May 5, 2009 from 6:00PM until 9:00PM, with a Rosary recited at 7:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. The Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Wednesday-May 6, 2009 at 9:45AM at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 1710 Clower, San Antonio, Texas 78201. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To The Rodriguez Family, Your Momma was the sweetest person I had the pleasure of meeting. My grandmother Dahlia Lopez used to be her Bunco Buddy, as well as LuLu, and Mira. I played Bunco with your Mom for over 20 years and she was a sweetheart. I will n

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**Carol Solano** - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs.Rodriguez was such a beautiful person inside and out, she showed lots of actions of love, kindness, thoughtfulness to her grandchildren and her sons, especially her Ronnie!  
Mrs. Rodriguez told me that Ronnie was her favorite, and I would laugh. I k

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**Michelle A. Rodriguez** - May 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

*Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North*

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**Mission Park North** - May 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM